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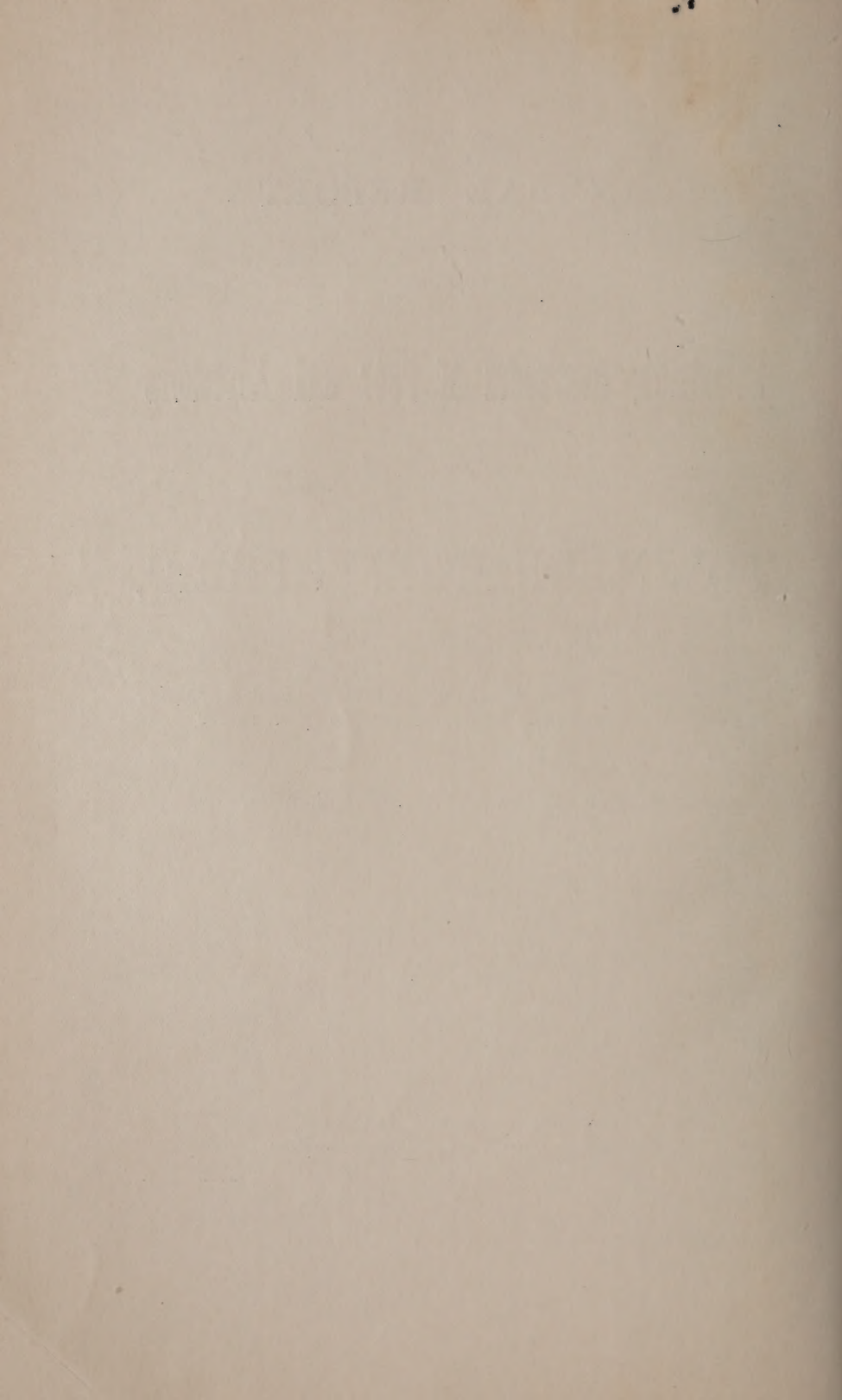
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Report of Selectmen.

Following the worthy precedent of their predecessors, the Selectmen take pleasure in submitting to the citizens of Northfield, their report of the work accomplished during the past year. In all town reports, the town's people can but take an interest, inasmuch as by a perusal of the same, is shown the work done in the different departments, and the attendant expense. At the last annual meeting the town made its usual appropriations, which was found nearly sufficient to meet the calls in every department, and would suggest that the same amount be appropriated for the ensuing year.

While we have no one at O. H. Doolittle's at this time, yet the number aided outside has been so large that it has brought the total amount expended for poor nearly up to previous years.

During the past year, we have had to meet an additional expense in the Catherine Davis suit against the Town, but we have been able to meet these unlooked for expenses and the balance against the town has been greatly reduced.

TOWN WARRANT.

March 4, 1895, 9 o'clock A. M.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers, for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the various town officers and committees and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to set aside a part of the town as a " Fire District " according to bounds filed with the Town Clerk or take action thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to enlarge the Cemetery at Northfield Farms or act thereon.

Art. 6. To vote by separate ballot " Yes " or " No " in answer to the question, " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? "

Art. 7. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 8. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to repair walls and put up railings near new iron bridge.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for building a sidewalk on Main Street, at such place as they see fit, or act thereon, said walk to be a macadamized, graveled walk, not less than six feet wide.

Art. 11. To see if the town will lay out a road, starting on Highland Avenue, near Miss Marsh's, running easterly 125 rods, partly on land of Miss Marsh, Isaiah Moody and Northfield Seminary, on the south, and land of A. G. and D. L. Moody on the north, to a certain oak tree, and to raise money and build the same.

Art. 12. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the Jury List and act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will fix a date after which unpaid taxes shall bear interest, determine the rate of said interest, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before a certain date, fix the date and determine the rate of discount, or act anything thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the Cemetries and a Committee be chosen to expend the same.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to make additional shelf room in the Library or act thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

C. H. GREEN,

O. L. LEACH,

H. C. HOLTON,

Selectmen of Northfield.

JURY LIST FOR 1895.

Clifford Q. Holton,
Charles L. Banks,
Clarence A. Randall,
Roswell E. Dickenson,
Melvin J. Collier,
Samuel C. Holton,
Jairus L. Hammond,
Albert Whitaker,
Edward B. Murdock,
Charles A. Moulton,
Thomas R. Callender,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Charles C. Stearns,

Cola R. Nelson,
Oren Darling,
Edward S. Bardwell,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Ambert G. Moody,
William D. Morgan,
James T. Cummings,
William H. Caldwell,
John H. Bolton,
Arthur W. Proctor,
Frank E. Heald,
Charles P. Britton,
Sumner L. Gates.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$768,713 00
" " personal estate,	101,627 00
Total valuation May 1, 1894,	\$870,340 00
Number of polls,	492
" " persons assessed,	752
" " " " on property.	602
" " " " for poll tax only,	150
" " resident tax payers,	621
" " non-resident tax payers,	133
" " horses assessed,	536
" " cows,	725
" " sheep,	292
" " neat cattle,	252
" " swine,	213
" " dwelling houses,	387
" " acres of land,	19,364

ASSESSMENT FOR 1894.

State tax,	\$ 780 00
County tax,	1,333 68
	\$2,113 68

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1894.

Schools in general,	\$2,500 00
" repairs,	300 00
" text books and supplies,	250 00

School conveyance,	\$100 00	
Contingent and support of poor,	3,000 00	
Library,	175 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
Highways, general repairs,	2,000 00	
Iron bridge,	400 00	
Sidewalk, Parker Avenue,	200 00	
Cemeteries,	175 00	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Overlay,	415 41	
		\$12,179 09
Raised on polls,	984 00	
" " personal estate,	1,315 77	
" " real "	9,879 32	
		\$12,179 09
Taxes on each poll, \$2.00.		
Rate on \$1,000, 12.80.		

C. H. GREEN,	} Assessors of Northfield.
O. L. LEACH,	
H. C. HOLTON,	

Report of Overseers of the Poor, for 1894-5.

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith to January 1, 1895, \$169 46

WORCESTER ASYLUM.

Board of Miss Mary M. Pearson to Jan. 1, 1895, 169 46

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FARM, BRIDGEWATER.

Board of Charles Parker to Jan. 1, 1895, 146 00

MRS. GEORGE DOOLITTLE'S CHILDREN.

Town of Montague, by Cassidy Bros.,		
1893,	4 00	
Mary Cole, board to Sept. 5, 1894,	70 00	
Mrs. George Doolittle, board to Feb. 5,		
1895,	40 00	
	—————	114 00

MRS. ELECTA STRATTON, WESTBORO.

Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, board to Feb. 1, 1895, 65 00

A. H. RICHARDS, WINCHENDON.

Town of Winchendon, medical assist-		
ance, 1893-4,	\$64 50	
Baxter, Robinson & Son, goods to Dec.		
29, 1894,	46 88	
G. Q. A. Bryant, goods to Jan. 1, 1895,	106 00	
	—————	217 38

A. WATSON'S CHILDREN, WATERTOWN.

Town of Watertown, aid to Jan. 1, 1895,	\$99 39
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DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY.

Town of Montague, aid to Jan. 1, 1895,	135 08
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PETER LE'BONTE, SPENCER.

Town of Spencer, aid and burial,	49 50
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MRS. ALVA KIMPLIN, BERNARDSTON.

Town of Bernardston, rent to January 1, 1895.	25 00
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MRS. SARAH ANDERSON, BERNARDSTON.

Town of Gill, support from April, 1, to		
May 11,	57 37	
Town of Bernardston, aid and burial,	50 00	
		107 37

ZOFIA JUNSENSZKA.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50	
Fred Z. Allen, care and preparing for		
burial,	25 00	
		27 50

CHARLES BRIGGS.

Thos. Quinlan, wood in January, 1894,	4 50	
Green & Severance, meal and hay,	6 20	
" " meal and flour,	5 00	
		15 70

WILLIAM SMITH.

Fred. C. Britton, meat in January and		
February, 1894,	4 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 1893,	3 75	
W. B. Pratt, rent and wood, 1893,	11 00	
Fred C. Britton, meat,	3 19	
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	4 49	

Green & Severance, meal and hay,	\$12 10	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	15 00	
W. B. Pratt, rent, wood and plastering,	42 50	
W. J. Wright, aid to Jan. 1, 1895,	40 00	
		\$136 03

CHARLES STRATTON.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 1893,	21 75	
O. H. Doolittle, care and goods furnished,	43 55	
C. H. Green, for moving,	5 00	
J. T. Bingham, care,	30 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	22 40	
H. H. Mason, casket and preparing for burial,	18 50	
C. H. Green, sundry cash items,	2 70	
		143 90

MRS. AMY MARSH.

O. H. Doolittle, care and preparing for burial,	56 25	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 25	
H. E. Bond, casket,	15 00	
H. H. Mason, burial services,	2 50	
C. H. Green, amount paid Rev. T. J. Clark,	6 00	
		81 00

MRS. CHAUNCEY KIMPLIN.

H. C. Parsons & Co., goods, 1893-4,	22 46	
F. V. Doolittle, rent to May 1, 1894,	2 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 00	
W. J. Wright, aid to Feb. 1, 1895,	31 50	
		57 46

MISS JOHANNA DRISCOLL.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 1893-4,	10 00	
W. J. Wright, aid to Jan. 18, 1895,	70 50	
		\$80 50

MRS. ELLEN O'KEEFE.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 00	
W. J. Wright, aid to Jan. 12, 1895,	46 25	
		47 25

MRS. JAMES MATTOON.

W. J. Wright, aid to Feb. 1, 1895,	33 00
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MRS. NELLIE STANFORD.

O. H. Doolittle, care to April 4, 1894,	31 50
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WARREN TUFT'S CHILDREN.

N. P. Wood, medical attendance,	38 75
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CHARLES LORD.

C. H. Webster, goods in 1893,	5 25	
F. V. Doolittle, care and clothing to Jan. 1, 1895,	76 22	
		81 47

GEORGE WHITAKER.

N. P. Wood, medical attendance,	17 50	
Warren M. Garrett, care,	12 00	
P. W. Preston, boarding W. M. Garrett,	8 00	
J. P. Aldrich, goods,	75	
C. S. Aldrich, services,	1 00	
E. E. Pierce, casket,	15 00	
H. C. Holton, amount paid Rev. G. F. Piper,	5 00	
		59 25

EMERY WHITE.

C. W. Lyman, (Erving) goods, 1893-4,	7 00
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\$2,137 95

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By cash from C. H. Green, acct. Mary Pearson,	\$83 64	
By cash from Alexander Pearson, acct. Mary Pearson,	85 06	
By cash from Charles Bancroft, acct. Nellie Stanford,	140 25	
By cash from town of New Salem, acct. Emery White,	13 00	
Due from town of New Salem, acct. Emery White,	4 00	
		325 95
Total expense of Poor,		\$1,812 00

C. H. GREEN,	} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.
O. L. LEACH,	
H. C. HOLTON,	

CONTINGENT.

Central Vt. R. R. Co., tolls to Feb'y 1, 1894,		\$5 14
E. S. Bardwell, freight and express,		2 82
J. W. Black, repairs, 1893-4,		5 22
C. H. Webster, mdse., 1893-4	\$13 68	
insurance on No. 4,	27 00	
		40 68
M. H. Alkins, labor and material,		5 96
George Tyler & Co., repair of road scraper,		17 20
George W. Southworth, assessors' books,		3 85
A. D. Stearns, labor and material,		5 50
David May, repairs on ballot box,		50
L. G. Barton, surveying, 1893,		6 00

S. Allen's sons, ferry wire,		\$11 48
A. Johnson, care of ferry boat, (Munn's)		3 90
J. C. Delry, repairs, small boat, "		3 60
Ira H. Ewers, repairs of ferry house,		10 45
C. J. Le'Compte, ferrage,		1 40
E. A. Hall & Co., adv. and printing,		40 38
C. T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	32 00	
" envelopes,	1	
		33 00
O. E. Slate, work on water,		1 30
Mrs. Amanda Webster, water rent,		5 00
J. A. Ross, water rent, 1893-4,		6 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., water rent,		10 00
Warren Field, wood, 1893,		4 50
Henry Doolittle, " 1893,		6 00
Green & Leach, wood,		4 50
F. W. Doane, wood and coal, 1893-4,	21 50	
services as auditor 1894,	2 50	
		24 00
George J. Bacon, services as selectman, 1893,		146 00
Charles L. Robbins, services as select-		
man, 1893,	112 50	
Charles L. Robbins, services as school		
committee,	21 25	
Charles L. Robbins, services as election		
officer,	2 50	
Charles L. Robbins, sundry cash items,	5 00	
		141 25
Henry C. Holton, services as selectman,		
1893,	86 25	
Henry C. Holton, sundry cash items,	2 65	
		88 90
A. R. Lyman, services as registrar,		11 25

W. D. Crane, services as registrar,	\$10 00
F. J. Stockbridge, " "	11 25
L. R. Smith, " school committee,	33 00
W. J. Wright, " " 60 75	
" clerk and treasurer, 135 45	
return of births and deaths, 6 25	
sundry cash items, 14 20	
	216 65
R. C. Ward, services as inspector, 1893, 5 00	
" " 1894, 107 28	
	112 28
Charles Pomeroy, services, 1893-4,	16 75
John R. Casey, officer's fees, 24 05	
police duty, 2 50	
care tramps to June 12, 43 70	
	70 25
Henry H. Mason, police duty, 3 00	
care town hall, Feb. 1, '95, 36 00	
" " clock, 15 00	
" " library, 4 00	
work, town-house grounds, 50	
driving hearse, Jan. 1, '95, 41 50	
33 return of deaths, 8 25	
	108 25
C. A. Ware, services as election officer, 1894,	2 50
C. C. Stearns, " " " "	2 50
C. H. Green, sundry cash items,	24 65
O. L. Leach, " " " "	10 48
R. K. Caldwell, collector, abatement of taxes, 1893,	72 69
W. M. Olin, Sec'y of Commonwealth, ink,	1 08
H. C. Holton, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Albert Clark, " "	9 00
Amos Bigelow, " "	6 00

H. H. Mason, mowing cemetery,	\$9 00
Benj. Morrison, " "	2 25

\$1,366 36

MILITARY AND STATE AID.

Charles X. Janes, Military aid,	\$72 00	
D. W. Burnham, State aid,	24 00	
Thomas H. Hart, " "	48 00	
Emeline Mattoon, " "	48 00	
William Strange, " "	12 00	
		\$204 00

Highway Report.

SNOW BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

Frank E. Stimson,	\$4 40	
Henry W. Stimpson,	5 42	
Oscar E. Slate,	1 75	
S. S. Fisher,	90	
Sumner Titus and others,	15 75	
Arthur C. Holton,	3 00	
P. W. Preston and others,	12 00	
D. L. Preston, and others,	14 21	
Frank W. Piper,	1 00	
Ansel Coller and others,	10 04	
Henry C. Holton and others,	7 85	
John R. Casey,	1 05	
R. K. Caldwell,	10 05	
Gardner Coller,	7 20	
George B. Kenney,	3 50	
Asa Keniston,	3 00	
William Gillette,	2 50	
Henry H. Mason,	50	
	————	\$104 12

SNOW BILLS OF THIS YEAR.

Frank Lamson,	80	
William Grace,	80	
	————	1 60
		————
		\$105 72

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Marshall S. Stearns,	labor,	\$ 70
Frank V. Doolittle,	"	10 00
John Callaghan,	"	21 00
William Bigelow,	"	20 17
James Campbell,	"	7 95
John Crehan,	"	140 35
George R. Clough,	"	59 75
John H. Robbins and others,	"	60 05
Orlando S. Davis,	"	24 50
Charles R. Keet,	"	15 00
George A. Stearns,	"	54 75
Charles Pomeroy,	"	50 00
William Bain and others,	"	14 65
Amos Bigelow,	"	37 38
James Barry,	"	1 80
Benjamin F. Streeter,	"	1 25
Charles P. Britton,	"	1 40
William W. Severance,	"	1 50
William W. Ross,	"	1 23
Edward C. Nash,	"	3 75
John Carroll,	"	75
Frank H. Montague,	"	10 65
Emolus O. Miller,	"	1 50
Frank Whithed,	"	8 10
George W. Piper,	"	3 00
Elson E. Howes,	"	14 25
William H. Browning,	"	75
Nelson G. Hilliard,	"	7 60
John D. Smith,	"	45
Sumner G. Titus and others,	"	20 35
William Burrows,	"	2 25
Dwight L. Preston and others,	"	118 65
Ansel Collier and others,	"	54 86

Simon S. Fisher,	labor,	\$13 80
Justus A. Holland,	"	1 50
John Casey,	"	13 50
John R. Casey,	"	125 75
Wright Arlin,	"	18 25
Andrew J. Arlin,	"	30 75
William Davis,	"	12 50
Gardner Coller,	"	11 75
Walter Mason,	"	5 25
Byron Gillette,	"	3 60
George W. Field,	"	7 25
David Dale,	"	1 05
Herbert D. Field,	"	16 00
Frank L. King,	"	2 85
John P. Wentworth,	"	3 00
Ozro D. Adams,	"	1 95
Clarence Shatton,	"	1 23
Charles H. Mack,	"	60
Albert Clark,	"	4 50
Northfield Seminary,	"	406 31
Ira H. Ewers,	"	3 30
Fostene Bigelow,	"	29 75
Oscar E. Slate,	"	3 00
Fred H. Simonds,	"	2 50
L. C. Miller,	"	4 50
William Allen,	"	3 00
Israel M. Harris,	"	4 95
Albert Whitaker,	"	2 50
Patrick Pigott,	"	75
Freeman A. Hilliard,	"	1 20
M. C. Miller,	"	1 50
George B. Kenney,	"	5 85
David Clowes,	"	4 25

George Webster,	labor,	\$1 50
Wallace Morgan,	"	3 00
Cyril J. Le'Compte,	"	3 00
George Nye,	"	75
Henry C. Holton,	"	9 25
Lyman H. Clay,	"	1 12
David D. Streeter,	"	6 25
James Wall,	"	5 00
Clinton A. Ware,	"	30
Rufus Phillips,	"	10 05
Andrew G. Hale,	" 1893,	2 25
Charles H. Green,	"	14 25
Thomas B. Mattoon,	" 1893,	1 25
		\$1,576 75

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAYS.

Cola R. Nelson, plank,		80
Albert R. Lyman, " 1893,		46 82
William D. Alexander, plank, 1893,		45 63
Northfield Seminary, plank,	8 42	
stone,	1 00	
drain pipe,	55 29	
cement,	76	
		65 47
William G. Slate, stone,		75
Green & Leach, posts,		10 20
George A. Stearns, railings and stringers,		7 00
Clinton A. Ware, stringers,		2 50
George E. Murdock, timber,		5 60
Andrew G. Hale, dirt, 1893,		10 00
Henry W. Montague, powder and fuse,		1 95
		\$196 72

SIDEWALK, (PARKER AVENUE.)

J. B. Pierce, stone,	\$1 00	
F. B. Holton, covering stone,	2 50	
John Crehan, labor with team,	47 75	
Patrick Coughlin, " " "	37 50	
George Stearns, " " "	15 75	
F. E. Stimpson, " " "	7 00	
Charles Pomeroy, " " "	12 25	
John R. Casey, labor,	31 60	
John Casey, "	20 70	
Charles Mack, "	12 00	
A. J. Arlin, "	32 00	
W. O. Davis, "	12 00	
Daniel Driscoll, "	16 50	
James Barry, "	1 50	
		\$250 05

IRON BRIDGE.

R. F. Hawkins, bridge,	\$300 00	
Green & Leach, plank and timber,	12 72	
George A. Stearns, stone,	10 00	
W. N. Potter & Sons, cement,	16 50	
John Crehan, labor,	5 25	
Daniel O'Keefe, "	21 20	
John R. Casey, "	21 20	
C. H. Green, " as per bill,	9 25	
		\$396 12

This includes the whole cost of the bridge with the exception of one bill of a few dollars for plank.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

George A. Stearns, lumber,	\$22 50
C. R. Nelson, pickets,	9 00
F. A. Webster, mill work,	1 50

H. C. Holton, materials furnished,	\$2 40	
drawing lumber,	3 50	
		\$ 5 90
O. H. Doolittle, labor,		30 10
F. L. King, “		2 55
Amos Bigelow, “		10 03
H. H. Mason, “		47 05
Albert Clark, “		15 00
John R. Casey, “		10 00
		\$153 63

CATHERINE DAVIS CASE.

Dana Malone,	1,082 68
John A. Aiken, services and expense,	103 32
Dr. A. C. Walker, services,	70 00
George J. Bacon, services and expense,	56 05
Charles L. Robbins, services,	9 43
Henry C. Holton, services,	8 00
	\$1,329 48

Selectmen's Financial Report.

To outstanding orders at last settlement,	\$342 85
To orders on Town Treasurer, since Feb. 10, 1894,	18,763 00
	\$19,105 85
By paid for Poor,	\$2,137 95
" " Contingent,	1,366 36
" " Highway, snow, \$105 72	
" " " repairs, 1,576 75	
" " " material, 196 72	
	1,879 19
" " Sidewalk, Parker avenue,	250 05
" " Iron bridge,	396 12
" " Cemeteries,	153 63
" " Davis Case,	1,329 48
" " Schools,	3,504 33
" " Military and State Aid,	204 00
" " Error in check from R. K. Caldwell,	43 94
" " State tax,	780 00
" " County tax,	1,333 68
" " Corporation tax,	1 53
" " Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00
" " Library appropriation,	175 00
" " Temporary loans,	4,500 00
" " Interest on town debt,	157 74
" " Payment " "	500 00

By paid for Outstanding orders 1893, \$287 41

By Outstanding orders 1893, not paid, 55 44

—————\$19,105 85

C. H. GREEN, } Selectmen
O. L. LEACH, } of
H. C. HOLTON, } Northfield.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT,
TREASURER.

	DR.	CR.
By balance from previous year's acct.,		\$1,938 86
“ cash from M. T. Moore, collector, account 1894 tax,		9,825 00
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, collector, acct. 1893 tax,		1,850 00
“ “ C. H. Green, account Mary Pierson,		127 58
“ “ Geo. J. Bacon, account error of payment,		27 20
“ “ Weatherhead & Darling, account sale of old furnace pipe,		2 00
“ “ Alex. Pierson, acct. Mary Pierson,		85 06
“ “ Franklin Co. National Bank, account temporary loan,		982 65
“ “ Mrs. N. P. Wood, collected tuition,		1 80

By cash from Franklin Co. National Bank, temporary loan,		\$982 91
temporary loan,		1,480 62
" "		987 08
" "		987 08
" "	Auctioneers' licenses,	4 00
" "	Treas. of the Commonwealth,	1,671 81
" "	Treasurer of Franklin County, acct. dog fund, (returned,)	133 59
To paid selectmen's orders,		\$19,050 41
By cash from income of Massachusetts school fund,		316 07
" "	Chas. Pomeroy, Trial Justice, account drunkenness,	8 00
" "	C. H. Green, account butchers' licenses,	4 00
" "	Chas. G. Bancroft, guardian, account Nellie Stanford,	140 25
" "	Town of New Salem, acct. Emory White,	13 00
" "	H. H. Mason, acct. rent of town hall,	61 50
" "	L. R. Smith, school committee,	6 78
To cash balance,		2,586 43
		\$21,636 84 \$21,636 84

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 9, 1895.

Financial Condition of the Town, February 9, 1895.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$3,100 00	
Franklin County National Bank,	1,000 00	
C. H. Green, Selectman,	99 50	
O. L. Leach, “	75 75	
H. C. Holton, “	85 50	
L. R. Smith, School Committee,	64 94	
Nellie M. Wood,	29 00	
R. K. Caldwell,	18 75	
Outstanding orders 1893,	55 44	
For Schools (estimated),	835 00	
		\$5,363 88

ASSETS.

Due from R. K. Caldwell, collector, acct.		
1893 tax,	\$243 93	
“ “ M. F. Moore, “ “		
1894 “	2,352 09	
“ “ town of New Salem,	4 00	
“ H. H. Mason, town hall,	13 00	
Interest on Surplus Revenue,	60 00	
Cash in town treasury,	2,586 43	
		5,259 45
Balance against the town,		\$104 43

REPORT ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank,	\$1,087 17	
“ of interest to July 1, 1894,	21 73	
		\$1,108 90

Drawn from the bank July 1, 1894, and
paid out as follows :

Mrs. William Stevens,	10 00	
“ Charles Morgan,	5 00	
“ Ira Coy,	5 00	
“ Lot May,	5 00	
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
“ Mary Field,	5 00	
“ Fanny Field,	5 00	
		40 00
		\$1,068 90

C. H. GREEN,	}	Overseers of the Poor of Northfield.
O. L. LEACH,		
H. C. HOLTON,		

Report of School Committee.

In submitting the annual report of the schools for the year, we are able to say, that the year's work as a whole, has been very satisfactory, and that the majority of the schools, at the present time are in a good condition.

During the summer term, ten schools were in session, but for the remainder of the year only nine have been in session. The school in district No. 5 having been reduced to two scholars, because of removals, the committee thought it advisable to carry the scholars to adjoining districts. This has been done, and the advantage of larger schools and better teachers, to the children, has, in our judgment, been very great.

As this report is written before the close of the school year, we are unable to give you full statistics, but will give as many as possible. The number of scholars enrolled on the registers for the entire year is 254.

SCHOOL NO. 1, PRIMARY. Julia A.

Webster, teacher first term;
Minnie Whiting, teacher second
term; Alice Belden, teacher
third term.

	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM	THIRD TERM.
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	36	36	28
Average daily attendance,	32.20	29.10	

NO. 1, GRAMMAR. Mrs. Lizzie M.

Caldwell, teacher.

	10	14	9
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	32	31	33
Average daily attendance,	22.33	24.87	

NO. 1, HIGH GRADE GRAMMAR.

Miss Susie Linsley, teacher first term; Miss Eulalia Gardner, teacher second and third terms.

	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	19	18	18
Average daily attendance,	16.77	16.3	

SCHOOL NO. 2. Miss Lucy V. Alexander, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	31	30	30
Average daily attendance,	28.74	27.94	

SCHOOL NO. 3. Miss Kate G. Mattoon, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	29	31	27
Average daily attendance,	23.31	24.39	

SCHOOL NO. 4. Miss Emily Eldridge, teacher first term; Miss Lottie Evans, teacher second and third terms.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	26	23	21
Average daily attendance,	19.3	20.	

SCHOOL NO. 5. Miss Nellie R. Rixford, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10		
Whole number of scholars,	4		
Average daily attendance,	3.33		

SCHOOL NO. 6. Miss Mabel Field, teacher first term; Miss Minnie White, teacher second and third terms.

Length of school in weeks,	10	10	12
Whole number of scholars,	6	16	16
Average daily attendance,	5.81	11.48	

SCHOOL NO. 7. Miss Nettie E. Evans, teacher.

	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	23	28	26
Average daily attendance,		25.179	

SCHOOL NO. 9. Miss Jennie Pierce, teacher.

	10	14	9
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	14	18	14
Average daily attendance,		13.64	

Several changes have been made in our corps of teachers. The Centre school, No. 1, was unfortunate in losing two efficient teachers by resignation, Miss Susie Linsley from the High Grade Grammar, and Miss Julia Webster from the Primary, at the close of the first term. Miss Eulalia Gardner was placed in the High Grade Grammar, and has completed the year. Miss Whiting, who taught the fall term, was removed at the end of it and Miss Alice Belden put in her place.

Twenty one different pupils have been enrolled in the High Grade Grammar. Many more ought to be there, and it is very wrong, when the advantages of a good education are so evident, that any of our young people will allow the opportunities of this school to pass.

The summer term in District No. 4 was taught by Miss Emily Eldridge; she resigned and Miss Lottie Evans has completed the year.

In District No. 6 Miss Mabel Field taught the summer term and Miss Minnie White the remaining terms. The other districts were fortunate in having one teacher throughout the year.

An effort has been made to hold teachers' meetings at regular intervals during the year; but we have not received hearty co-operation from all the teachers. This is to

be regretted, for, properly conducted, these meetings are fruitful of much good to teachers, and those who cannot become interested in these will never make a success of their vocation, and should give way to other teachers.

The attendance and interest of the scholars, has, in the main, been good. A few cases of truancy have been reported to the truant officer who has promptly attended to the complaints. A little more care and watchfulness on the part of parents would almost wholly remedy this trouble.

The teachers of the Centre school, with commendable energy and interest, have given, with their schools, entertainments during the year, to raise money to purchase books for the school library. They earned \$63.00, and over fifty valuable books have been purchased; among them the Encyclopedia Britannica, comprising twenty-five volumes.

At the beginning of the second term we put Eggleston's Histories in all the schools in place of Scudder's. This work on History comprises two volumes, the Primary and Advanced, and is admirably fitted for use in our schools. It is hoped that other important changes may be made in the text-books, during the coming year.

Free hand drawing has been introduced into all the schools, one lesson being given each week. Prang's system of drawing is used, and with the aid of the manuals the teachers have been able to teach it very satisfactorily.

Besides the usual school supplies, a handsome oak book case has been purchased for the school library of the Centre school.

Aside from incidental repairs, but few have been necessary during the year. The entrance hall in the school-house in district No. 4, was sheathed at small expense, and a few extra seats placed in No. 6, owing to an increase in the membership of the school.

In connection with our recommendation for the appropriation for 1895, we wish to call the attention of the voters to Chapter 431 of the acts of 1888, as amended by the acts of 1893. Under this provision any two or more towns having not more than fifty nor less than twenty-five schools in the aggregate, and the valuation of each of which does not exceed \$2,500,000 may by vote of the several towns unite for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools. In case such a union is effected and an appropriation of not less than \$750 is made by the towns jointly for the salary of the superintendent of schools, and a statement to this effect is made to the State Auditor that the union has been made and the amount appropriated as above, and that the superintendent has been employed for one year, a warrant is drawn by the treasurer of the Commonwealth for the payment of \$1,250, \$750 of which are directly applicable to the payment of the salary of the superintendent, and the remaining \$500 shall be paid for the salaries of teachers employed in the public schools within the district. In other words, the district is to pay the superintendent not less than \$1,500, and when the provisions of the law are properly complied with, the State pays the district \$1,250 leaving the net amount expended practically but \$250.

This law has been in operation for several years and additional districts are being formed each year. Up to January 1st, 1895, the number of towns and cities in the state, that had availed themselves of the services of superintendent was over 200 of which number about 122 had taken advantage of the law of 1888. This contribution by the Commonwealth has been made possible by the considerate attitude of the representatives of the wealthier towns and cities, which pay 90 per cent. of the state tax.

The added burden to this town will be small, and this

will be partly offset by a reduction in the expenses of the school committee. The committee feel that the time has arrived for Northfield to take action in the matter, and that under the existing condition of things, the actual expense when the law shall be in operation will be but little more than at present. This town is assisting indirectly in supporting superintendents in other districts, and it seems no more than right that it should have its share of the money.

It is very probable that a union can be effected with two or more adjoining towns, and the Selectmen have been requested to insert an article in the warrant under which the necessary action can be taken by the town at the coming town meeting.

We recommend for the coming year: for schools \$2,800; for repairs on school buildings \$300; for books and supplies, \$300; for conveyance of scholars, \$100.

L. R. SMITH,	}	School Committee.
R. K. CALDWELL,		
NELLIE M. WOOD.		

Financial School Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2,500 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text-books and supplies,	250 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
		\$3,150 00
Massachusetts school fund,	316 07	
Dog fund,	133 59	
Income surplus revenue,	60 00	
Tuition,	1 80	
Books and supplies,	1 78	
		513 24
		\$3,663 24

EXPENDITURES.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Susie M. Linsley,	No. 1,	\$120 00
Mrs. Lizzie M. Caldwell,	" "	240 00
Julia Webster,	" "	80 00
Edith Whiting,	" "	112 00
Eulalia B. Gardner,	" "	180 00
Lucy V. Alexander,	" 2	192 00
Kate G. Mattoon,	" 3	180 00
Miss Emily Eldridge,	" 4	75 00
Lottie Evans,	" 4	105 00

Nellie Rixford,	No. 5	\$65 00	
Mable Field,	" 6	65 00	
Minnie A. White,	" 6	71 50	
Nettie Evans,	" 7	180 00	
Jennie Pierce,	" 9	180 00	
			\$1,845 50

FUEL.

Thomas Quinlan, wood for No. 1,	\$7 81	
L. R. Smith, wood No. 2,	19 25	
M. T. Moore, wood and labor Nos. 1, 9,	35 00	
C. R. Pomeroy, cutting wood No. 1,	2 00	
F. W. Doane, coal at No. 1,	63 30	
C. A. Moulton, wood No. 4,	20 00	
Frank Piper, cutting wood No. 6,	2 81	
H. C. Wentworth, cutting wood Nos. 3, 5, 4	12	
G. L. Fuller, Nos. 3, 7,	4 50	
		\$158 79

REPAIRS.

Frank Piper, No. 6,	\$3 50	
Wm. Moore, No. 1,	10 50	
Frank Turner, painting black boards, No. 1,	3 00	
Willie Grace, cleaning well, No. 1,	2 50	
United States Furniture Co., seats, No. 6,	13 00	
H. W. Montague, No. 4,	18 48	
Fred G. Stearns, No. 3, 5,	2 25	
J. A. Ross, No. 6,	3 50	
		\$56 73

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Wm. Ware & Co., books,	\$11 00
Silver, Burdette, "	50 92
American Book Co., "	69 12
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	127 45

H. C. Parsons & Co., supplies,	\$1 40	
Mrs. N. P. Wood, “	1 99	
Eugene Lamb, “	12 00	
E. S. Bardwell, freight,	7 05	
		\$280 93

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Pike, carrying scholars to school-house in District 6,	\$44 00	
S. S. Fisher, carrying scholars from District No. 5 to Dis. No. 9,	28 00	
C. J. LaCompte, ferrages,	7 96	
		\$79 96

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Susie M. Lindsay, teaching No. 1,	\$72 00	
Mrs. F. B. Caldwell, teaching No. 1,	90 00	
Julia Webster, “ “ 1,	72 00	
Emily Eldridge, “ “ 4,	90 00	
Mabel Field, “ “ 6,	84 50	
Jennie Pierce, “ “ 9,	86 90	
Mary L. Loring, “ “ 3,	85 25	
Lucy V. Alexander, “ “ 2,	96 00	
R. A. Harris, “ “ 7,	67 80	
		\$744 45
Thompson Brown & Co., books,	9 35	
Boston S. Supply & Co., “	52 00	
America Book Co., “	5 38	
E. L. Hildreth & Co., supplies,	2 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	15 20	
		83 93
John P. Wentworth, wood, No. 3,	14 25	
John P. Wentworth, “ “ 5,	8 00	
Thomas Quinlan, “ “ 1,	6 56	
George Stearns, “ “ 6,	9 00	

Willie Alexander, care,	No. 2,	\$4 20	
Edward Kiernan	" 7,	2 80	
Emily Eldredge,	"supplies" 4,	6 25	
Fred W. Doane, coal	" " 1,	16 05	
Fred W. Doane,	" " 1,	6 50	
Fred M. Ross, care	" 6,	3 90	
Chas. R. Pomeroy,	" " " 1,	33 50	
Fred G. Stearns, repairs,	" 3,	50	
C. R. Nelson,	wood, " 7,	5 43	
J. A. Ross, book case,	" 6,	6 00	
S. L. Pike, carrying scholars,	" 6,	8 00	
		—	130 94
			\$959 32

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

E. C. Holton, cleaning No. 3,	\$2 50	
C. A. Winchester, cleaning and labor,		
No. 3,	3 50	
Mrs. Annie Thornton, cleaning and la-		
bor, No. 4,	4 00	
Frank Piper, cleaning, No. 6,	2 00	
Mrs. Mary Gates, cleaning, No. 7,	3 00	
B. R. Morrison, cleaning, No. 7,	3 35	
	—	\$18 35
C. R. Pomeroy, services as janitor		
District No. 1,	54 75	
Willie Alexander, services as janitor,		
District No. 2,	8 40	

G. A. Field, janitor, District No. 3,	\$2 50
Ward Holton, " " " 3,	4 90
Emily Eldridge, " " " 4,	4 00
Leslie Darling, " " " 4,	2 50
Nellie Rixford, " " " 5,	3 00
Mabel Field, " " " 6,	2 50
W. H. Doolittle, " " " 7,	8 50
Jennie Pierce, janitor and labor, " 9,	9 20
Bertie Barret, janitor, District " 4,	4 50
	104 75
	\$123 10

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	\$3,663 24
Old bills paid,	959 32
Paid teachers, two terms,	1,845 50
Fuel,	158 79
Repairs on buildings,	56 73
Care of buildings,	123 10
Text books and supplies,	280 93
Conveyance,	79 96
	\$3,504 33
Expended on previous year's account,	959 32
Expenses current year,	\$2,545 01
Due " " (estimated)	835 00
	\$3,380 01

L. R. SMITH, }
 MRS. N. M. WOOD, } School
 R. K. CALDWELL, } Committee.

Library Committee's Report.

FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

Number of volumes in library per last report,	3,694
“ “ bought the past year,	91
“ “ presented the past year,	45
Total,	3,830
Number of families patrons of library,	200
“ visitors “ “	11
“ volumes taken by resident patrons,	4,398
“ “ “ visitors,	32
“ “ “ public schools,	199
Total number of volumes taken,	4,629

LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To cash on hand per last report,	\$17 98	
“ appropriation for books,	100 00	
“ “ Librarian and in-		
cidentals,	75 00	
“ amount of fines from patrons,	10 46	
“ “ fees “ visitors,	1 60	
		\$205 04

1894.

CR.

May	16.	By express on books,	1 30
June	5.	“ fiber paper and labels,	1 25
	8.	“ express on supp. cata- logues,	15
	14.	“ cash for new books,	97 88
July	10.	“ cash for supp. catalogues,	6 75
	16.	“ express on rebound books,	25
Oct.	18.	“ rebinding books,	3 20
Dec.	20.	“ cross section paper,	4 00

1895.

Feb.	9.	“ Librarian's salary,	60 00
	“	“ incidentals paid by Librarian,	2 77
		“ postage,	20
Feb.	9.	“ cash on hand,	27 29

 \$205 04

Uncollected fines,

81

The number of families taking books the past year exceeds those of the preceding year by thirty-four, and the number of volumes taken out exceeds those of the preceding year by 251. The shelf room is now practically all occupied, which necessitates some provision by the town of additional shelf room for books to be purchased in the future. Your attention is called to an article in the *warrant* relative to the same.

N. P. WOOD,	} Library Committee.
C. C. DUNCAN,	
R. C. WARD,	

